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Applicant: James P. Baukus, et al. ) Re: Preliminary Amendment  
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Serial No.: Not yet assigned       )  
Filed: concurrently herewith       )  
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Divisional of USSN 09/882,900       )  
filed on June 15, 2001               ) Our Ref: B-3947DIV 621039-4  
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For: "PROGRAMMABLE CONNECTOR/  
ISOLATOR AND DOUBLE POLYSILICON  
LAYER CMOS PROCESS WITH BURIED  
CONTACT USING THE SAME"           ) Date: July 14, 2003  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/882,900 filed on June 15, 2001. This paper is being filed as a Preliminary Amendment to the above-identified Application being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to the examination of the above-identified Application, it is respectfully requested that the amendments presented below be made to the Application. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper, and

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include an Appendix A which is an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**An Appendix A** including amended drawing figures is attached  
following page 12 of this paper.